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Military veterans have established a solid reputation as excellent teachers and exemplary role models for today's students. If you're interested in becoming a teacher and need information about certification and finding a teaching position, contact the Arizona Troops to Teachers office at 1 (800) 830-2134.

Recruiter team visits

The Recruit the Recruiter Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky. will brief on the challenges, benefits and opportunities to become Recruiters.

Attendance by all noncommissioned officers is highly encouraged. This briefing in no way obligates you for recruiting duty, a personal interview following the briefing will determine qualifications. How do more money, faster promotions and assignment preference sound to you?

Briefing will be held at the Cochise Theater at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. today. For more information click on www.usarec.army.mil/hq/recruiter or call Sgt. 1st Class Larry Luden at (502) 626-0457.

For more information about the briefing, call Sgt. Michael Garcia at 533-1705/1706.

OCS board convenes

The next installation Officer Candidate School Interview Board is scheduled to convene Feb. 20-22 at Murr Community Center's Roadrunner Conference Room. The deadline date for application to be received by the Adjutant General Directorate is Monday.

All applications must be submitted in an original and three copies to the Personnel Operations Division, Building 41421 (ATTN: ATZS-AGO). Do not send applications through distribution. For more information, call Sgt. Jeanette Newell at 533-1705 or 533-1706.

Federal Jobs Workshops

Federal Jobs Workshops are offered to explain subjects such as What is Federal Government Employment, How To Use the Internet To Find Out Where Government Jobs Are Located, Federal Jobs Benefits, Federal Pay Scales, Interpreting a Federal Job Advertisement, Federal Applications, How to Apply for a Government Job, Veteran's Preference, The Selection Process, RESUMIX Procedures, and Outlook on Opportunities.

The public is invited to attend. All Federal Jobs Workshops are held in Building 22420 from 8 to 10 a.m. No reservation required. The public is invited to attend.

Workshops are set for Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 7, July 12, Aug. 16, Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 6. For more information, call Thomas L. Hapgood at 533-7314.

Memorial for WWII chaplains

On Feb. 10 at 2 p.m., the Veterans' Affairs Committee of Tucson, Ariz. will host a memorial service for four courageous World War II chaplains who sacrificed their lives on board the sinking U.S.A.T. Dorchester in 1943.

The service will take place at Kino Veterans Memorial Park, 2805 E. Ajo Way in Tucson across from Kino Hospital (look for six flagpoles).

Color Guards from all branches of service, National Guard units, local veterans organizations, national and community commands with special representatives from the chaplaincy sections.



Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

100 days

Yvette McDuffie, kindergarten assistant helps students with their projects. Over 100 kindergarten students at General Myer Elementary celebrated the 100th day of school, Jan. 24. According to principal, Dianna Beatty, students engaged in activities that encouraged them to count to 100. "This day is really popular with the students. The children love it because they have fun," she said. This is also the first year Myer has had a full day kindergarten program.

DA wants local opinions on civilian training

By Angela Moncur
Scout Staff

In another round of surveys aimed at improving quality of life, the Army Training and Leader Development Panel is focusing on civilians.

Surveys arrived at the homes of randomly-selected Army civilians and military in January. The surveys give those selected the powerful potential to register perceptions, ideas, attitudes, influence change and impact the future of the transformed Army.

The Chief of Staff of the Army wants to know the state of training and leader development of the total force. To that end, he requested the establishment of the ATLDP in June 2000. Since then, the ATLDP military studies have either been

completed or are nearing completion.

The commissioned officer portion of the ATLDP has been competed, the noncommissioned officer segment is nearly completed, and the warrant officer study is in its final stage.

Major improvements in the officer corps have been implemented as a direct result of ATLDP officer findings.

In a letter accompanying the surveys, David L. Snyder, deputy assistant secretary for civilian personnel policy, writes "I urge you to take the time to complete the enclosed Army Training and Leader Development Survey Civilians 2002 with honesty and candor..."

"The potential for effecting positive changes to our civilian training and leader development poli-

cies and programs in support of our Army Transformation is likewise great."

The civilian survey includes a demographic section which will help categorize the responses into groups for reporting statistics.

The survey continues with questions rating the personal satisfaction and importance of retention, work-life issues, mentoring, future expectations and training/education.

Other areas of consideration in the survey include the impact of the Army policies on civilians, capabilities and performance feedback, self and leader development, and an assessment of supervisory training.

Data from this completely anonymous survey, along with information from world-wide focus groups and personal interviews with Senior Executive Service members and General Officers, will result in recommendations reported directly to the Chief of Staff and other senior Army officials.

Responses cannot be tracked back to individuals, and only group statistics will be reported.

This study, along with other forward-looking initiatives, support the Transformed Army and the attainment of the civilian objective force.

Signal soldiers expand communications network daily

By Sgt. 1st Class David K. Dismukes
NCOIC, ASC PAO

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Communication lines are up and running at the former international airport here, with some of the critical parts being provided by the 11th Signal Brigade.

The work is not done. More support is needed as this American and coalition force base camp increases in size and capability.

New work orders are being submitted 24 hours a day to the operation tent run by soldiers of the 86th Signal Battalion. "We're getting a lot right now because of the transition from the Marines to the Army," Capt. Todd Retchless said.

Retchless, who is the commander of the 86th Signal Battalion's site at Kandahar airport, said the communications work requests are being prioritized.

The decision of what goes first is a joint effort between the 11th Signal Brigade function and the 101st's 3rd Brigade communications officer, Capt. James Riley, said Retchless, who is the commander of Company B, 86th Signal Battalion.

Col. Frank Wiercinski, 3rd Brigade commander, said this type of mission couldn't be accomplished without communications.

He was talking about Operation Enduring Freedom, which the 101st has been tasked to



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class David K. Dismukes

Capt. Todd Retchless, left, commander of the 86th Signal Battalion site at Kandahar airport in Afghanistan, talks over plans of future communications with 2nd Lt. Raymond Herras, 86th Signal Battalion automation officer. The Army Signal Command unit is providing communication support to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Kandahar.

support at Kandahar. Wiercinski is the commander there of Task Force Rakkasan, as his brigade is called.

The U.S. Army Signal Command's 11th Signal Brigade also is providing communications support at a number of other sites in Central Asia as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The number one communication priority at Kandahar is a combination of logistic support and airfield operations, Retchless said. However, priorities may change based on mission requirements, he added.

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Courtesy photo

Black History Month celebration

The Military Equal Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity offices are sponsoring a Black History Month celebration at 7 p.m., Feb. 22 at La Hacienda. The Pinpoints Theatre of Washington, D.C. presents the play “1001 Black Inventions,” answering the questions of who brought inoculation to America, who made long-distance phone calls possible, and whose invention keeps the world’s machines running? A food sampling and cultural exhibit will accompany the play. Cost is \$5. For tickets, call 533-1717, 533-5305 or 533-3696.

Proclamation

On Feb. 1, the Fort Huachuca Military Community will begin the celebration of African American/Black History Month. This year’s theme is “The African American Legacy: Contributions and Service in America’s Defense.”

National African American/Black History Month marks a time for us to celebrate the rich and proud heritage of African/Black Americans. As we celebrate, we are reminded of courageous leaders who have led this nation in times of peace and war. Leaders such as Secretary of State Colin Powell, US National Security Advisor Condoleeza Rice, and President, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Kweisi Mfume.

African Americans/Blacks have contributed to our nation as early as 1770, when Crispus Attucks was the first black to die during the American Revolution and Boston Massacre. In 1897, Andrew Beard patented the “Jenny Coupler,” a device which automatically hooked railroad cars together, saving thousands of lives and limbs of railroad workers, and in 1872 Elijah McCoy invented a device coined “The Real McCoy” which made it possible for automatic oiling of machinery in manufacturing.

The contributions of African Americans and Blacks to our nation and society in times of peace and war have been nothing short of superlative. So as we celebrate, I challenge each of you to take this opportunity to learn as much as possible about a culture that has helped America become what it is today, a nation united for freedom, justice and equality. I look forward to seeing my fellow service members, civilians, and friends from our surrounding communities at the activities planned throughout the month.

James A. Marks

Brig. Gen. James A. Marks
USAIC&FH Commanding General

Commander’s Hotline

Call

I need to complain about a government contract you have currently with the garbage people here on post. I’ve had problems with this company since the 18th of November. I’ve complained to the Department of Sanitation phone number line that we have in our phone book, and we’re getting no results.

We need to have something done, whether it’s consistently or maybe changing the garbage pickup schedule. We have a street over on Carlson, where I live, that looks like the absolute pits, because they’re failing to pick up consistently. My neighbors, who have just moved out, tracked the garbage people down on Friday, and they failed to even come and pick up the trash after being requested to pick up the trash. We need something done about this, and I want a phone call. Thank you.

Response

First of all we would like to thank the caller for bringing this problem to our attention.

The scheduled pickup days for Carlson Street is Mondays and Thursdays. Over the Christmas holiday season, refuse

amounts increase to the heaviest of the year.

Unfortunately, before the holidays, the refuse contractor did have some problems with the residential vehicle. Service over this period has been less than good at times. Occasionally, the routes were not completed on the day scheduled and had to be completed the following day.

We understand this does create a problem for the customers and the refuse contractor and the Directorate of Installation Support apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Now that the holidays are over and the truck problems have been rectified, routes are being completed on schedule at this time. In addition, the refuse inspector will be checking the Carlson Street area regularly to ensure garbage is being picked up regular scheduled days.

Once again, we apologize for any inconveniences caused and if you have any further questions or comments, call 533-1442.

Larry W. Hill
COR/Chief, Contract Management Division

SEP needs mentors for career development opportunities

By Joan Street
SEP Manager

The Fort Huachuca Special Emphasis Program Committee has begun a mentoring program for employees at Fort Huachuca and for students at Cochise College and the University of Arizona, South, and local campuses of the University of Phoenix, Wayland Baptist University, and Western International.

A mentor can make a tremendous difference in someone’s career. A mentor can offer information and guidance on career development to someone who needs just a little encouragement to succeed in their life.

So many of us have had mentors help us through a lot of

decision making for our careers. Wouldn’t it be great to be able to return the favor by becoming a mentor?

Mentors are matched up, one-on-one, with mentorees. The mentor’s commitment is one hour per week. Even in the short time it has been running, the program has proven to be a great value to both mentors and mentorees.

Mentors are needed this year to help employees reach their career potential. The giving of your time can make a positive difference in a person’s life.

For more information on the Mentoring Program, call Joan Street, SEP Manager, at 538-0276 or e-mail Joan.Street@hua.army.mil.

Lifelong Learning

College foundation receives \$50,000

Cochise College release

Some full-time Cochise College students are eligible for a new scholarship created by a gift from the Wolslager Foundation.

In December, the Wolslager Foundation contributed \$50,000 to the Cochise College Foundation. Half of the funds will provide scholarships to high school students enrolled in vocational and technical training programs.

The other half will be distributed through scholarships to full-time Cochise College students.

Students eligible for the Wolslager Foundation Scholarship do not need to demonstrate financial need. However, they must hold a 3.0 grade point average to qualify. Students pursuing liberal arts degrees are ineligible for consideration.

A varying number of awards will be made each academic year to cover tuition, fees,

books, and supplies for the year.

The Wolslager Foundation, now based in San Angelo, Texas, is named for the family that once owned the Coca-Cola distributorship in Cochise County. Dr. Joanna Michelich, vice president for instruction/provost, and Cochise College Foundation board member Dr. Lloyd DuVall were instrumental in working with the Wolslager Foundation and ultimately obtaining the gift.

“This generous contribution recognizes the hard work and dedication of Cochise College students by supporting and encouraging their academic excellence,” says Shelley Davis, executive director of Cochise College Foundation.

“We are extremely pleased that the Wolslager Foundation believes strongly in educational programs at Cochise College and has provided our students with this valuable scholarship fund.”

Library offers readers ‘best selling’ titles

Library release

The Fort Huachuca Main Post Library offers readers several titles from *The New York Times’* Best Sellers list.

Fiction

Skipping Christmas
Violets are Blue
Journey through Heartstrings
He Sees You When You’re Sleeping
Desecration
Last Man Standing
The Corrections
Flesh Blood
The Sigma Protocol
A Bend in the Road
Jackdaws

Nonfiction

The No Spin Zone
John Adams
Jack: Straight from the Gut
Seabiscuit
Crossing Over
Band of Brothers
Black Hawk Down
Flags of Our Fathers
Nothing Like it in the World
Me Talk Pretty One Day

Employee suspended for viewing porn Web sites

SOCO release

According to the Standards of Conduct Office, a Federal employee claimed discrimination on the basis of age (62) and disability (heart angina) when he was issued a five-day suspension that was mitigated to a three-day suspension.

The record showed that the agency issued a policy statement that prohibited the viewing of sexually explicit material on the Internet from office computers.

About six weeks later, the Federal employee’s supervisor walked into the Federal employee’s cubicle and observed that the subordinate’s com-

puter was connected to a pornographic Web site.

The supervisor issued a notice of proposed suspension to the subordinate for “Unauthorized Use of Government Property and Wasting Time.”

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission affirmed the agency finding of no discrimination. The Commission gave weight to admissions by the suspended Federal employee that he viewed the sites to “cool down” and “relax” after an argument with his supervisor.

Also, the agency argued that the suspended employee’s computer log showed he had visited multiple pornographic sites for almost two hours.

Kudos Korner

Civilian of the Month

Fort Huachuca named Loran E. Ellis, of Headquarters, U.S. Army Signal Command, as the post Civilian of the Month for January.

As a military personnel management specialist, Ellis serves as primary specialist and focal point within ASC for executing Reserve Component military personnel management and administrative support programs. He focuses primarily on RC support for ASC’s blended/multi-component units, on annual training for mobilization augmentees, and on general RC mobilization requirements.

With two years of service under his belt, Ellis has totally focused his daily efforts on ensuring that ASC’s RC soldiers receive only first-rate personnel support. He has demonstrated exceptional initiative and drive and outstanding attention to detail while thoroughly revitalizing ASC’s RC support.

“His personal and professional efforts have been vital to ASC’s successful RC mobilizations in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle,” said Lt. Col. Joseph Quinn, adjutant general, U.S. Army Signal Command.

Ellis receives the use of a car for one month from Lawley Chevrolet; gift certificates from Sierra Vista merchants; a desk plaque from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center; a MWR certificate for lunch or diner from a Fort Huachuca establishment; a wall plaque from the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce; and his name posted at the Main Gate.

Other nominees included Donna L. Deal, Directorate of Installation Support; and Terence M. Dryer, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, 305th MI Battalion.

Nominate your deserving employee for Fort Huachuca Civilian of the Month. Per FH Reg 690-5, all permanent appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund employees are eligible with the exception of employees officially assigned as supervisors (GS-10 and above) and senior executive service personnel. For more information, call CPAC at 533-2791.

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Re-up for freedom

Sgt. Matthew J. Burns (right) from the 269th Signal Company, 504th Signal Battalion, re-enlists in a hangar at Libby Army Airfield Jan. 22 moments before boarding a C-5 aircraft to deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Capt. Paul Stanfill, 269th Sig. Co. commander, re-enlisted Burns, who signed up for five more years of service.

Raytheon sensors to be tested over fort next week

Raytheon release

SIERRA VISTA, Ariz. — The U.S. Navy plans to conduct a series of captive carry flight tests of a Raytheon Company electro-optical sensor system over the Fort Huachuca area Feb. 6, 7 or 8.

During these tests, the EO sensor will obtain images of the area to aid in evaluating the operation of the system. The EO sensor is a harmless device housed in a pod attached to a Navy A-3 aircraft. Similar to a camera, the device creates a digital image of ground objects and the surrounding terrain.

Most of the flight path during these tests will be over military ranges. The aircraft will fly repetitive image gathering passes over specified areas of interest in order to evaluate performance of the sensor under a variety of collection conditions.

The Navy uses similar EO sensor components in some of its missiles developed by Raytheon Company.

For further information, contact the Navy’s Program Executive Office for Strike Weapons and Unmanned Aviation, Public Affairs Office at (301) 757-6316.

Magistrate court sentences civilian to jail

OSJA release

On Jan. 24, a Federal Magistrate Judge convicted a civilian for trespassing on Fort Huachuca (he violated a bar to the installation) and assaulting his spouse. Prior to this court hearing, the civilian failed to appear for his initial court appearance.

The Magistrate Judge issued a bench warrant for his arrest and the police apprehended the civilian a few months later. At the hearing on Jan. 24, the Magistrate Judge sentenced the civilian to five days in jail, two years of supervised probation and a \$500 fine.

On Jan. 22, the Fort Huachuca Special Assistant United States Attorney met with 30 soldiers and civilians who had received citations for on-post violations.

The SAUSA is appointed by the Staff Judge Advocate to represent the Army in United States Magistrate Court for non-UCMJ criminal offenses committed on Fort Huachuca.

On Jan. 24, the SAUSA collected over \$1,200 in fines, which he forwarded to the Department of Justice.

The cases handled by the SAUSA are not limited to traffic citations. If the Military Police cite you for offenses such as theft, shoplifting, damage to property, and assault, and issue you a DD Form 1805 (U.S. District Court Violation Notice), then you must appear before the SAUSA when notified to do so.

If you fail to appear, a federal warrant for your arrest is issued and your name is entered into the National Computer System that there is an arrest warrant issued on you.

As a result, if you are subsequently stopped by a police officer anywhere in the United States, your arrest warrant will appear during the police officer’s check and you will be taken into custody until you get the original violation cleared up by appearing before a Federal Magistrate Judge.

Many soldiers and civilians fail to recognize the importance of the tickets that the Military Police issue to them. These tickets are not something that can be ignored or dealt with at the person’s convenience. They are issued under Fort Huachuca’s authority as an exclusive federal jurisdiction and have the same weight as any ticket issued by a police officer off-post.

Soldiers or civilians who cannot attend their scheduled meeting with the SAUSA must call the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate to request a continuance. Additionally, pursuant to Fort Huachuca Regulation, persons who receive a DD Form 1805 citation and fail to pay designated fines or appear in court will have their post driving privileges suspended until they resolve the matter.

For more information, call Mick Douthit at 533-5313.



Soldiers’ Lawyer

What military benefits am I entitled to upon divorce?

Under the Uniformed Services Former Spouses’ Protection Act, as a former spouse you can continue to receive military benefits such as commissary and PX/BX privileges as well as health care after divorce if you were married for twenty years, your spouse has twenty years of credible service, and there is twenty years of overlap between the marriage and credible service.

You are entitled only to transitional health care benefits upon divorce if you were married for twenty years, your spouse has twenty years of credible service and there is fifteen years of overlap between the marriage and credible service.

These benefits terminate upon remarriage but can be revived by divorce, annulment, or death of the subsequent spouse.

(Editor’s note: The Soldiers’ Lawyer is provided by your JAG Legal Assistance Office. Visit us on the web at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/usag/sja/legalassistance/> or contact us at 533-2009 for an appointment. Legal advice may not be given over the phone.)

Two soldiers sentenced at courts-martial

JAG release

One soldier, a specialist (E-4) assigned to the 86th Signal Battalion, was convicted at a Summary Courts-Martial for using marijuana. He was sentenced to 30 days confinement, reduction to private (E-1), and forfeiture of two-

thirds pay for one month.

The second soldier, a private (E-1) assigned to the 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, was convicted at a Summary Court-Martial of being Absent Without Leave. He was sentenced to 15 days confinement.

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Installation chief explains new centralized management for quality of life

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Installation management will be centralized by Oct. 1 to improve quality of life for soldiers and their families and save money at the same time, said the officer in charge of the initiative.

The major commands — such as Forces Command and Training and Doctrine Command — will no longer be the sole management authority for installations, said Maj. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, the Army’s assistant chief of staff for Installation Management. The hierarchy for installation management will begin with his ACSIM office at the Pentagon under the new program.

The next level will be regional installation directors, who will be assigned 20 to 26 installations to manage, Van Antwerp said. He said garrison commanders will take their command and control and funding directly from the regional offices.

Centralized Installation Management is long overdue, Van Antwerp said, because for years installations have been underfunded resulting in maintenance and repairs consistently not being done to facilities and Army housing.

“Under the new structure, funds at the garrison level will be fenced and base operations funds will be used for base operations services and repairs,” said Van Antwerp. “There will be no migration of funds, and the flow of funds will be consistent and more standardized.

“We’re going after the well-being of soldiers and their families with this program. It’s our commitment to put our money where our mouth is when it comes to where our people play, live and work.”

Once the structure is implemented soldiers should see a higher level of service in family programs, recreational services and maintenance of facilities, Van Antwerp said.

There has been no formal decision on how

many regions there will be and where the region headquarters will be located, Van Antwerp said. The draft plan is to have two overseas regions in Europe and the Pacific, and to have six state-side regions, he said.

“If you’ve seen one installation, you’ve seen one installation. They’re not alike,” Van Antwerp said. “So we’re working on how to balance the regions.”

Other plans that have not been outlined are how staff organizations such as the Chaplain office, Public Affairs and Staff Judge Advocate will fit into the equation.

“We asked those functional elements to tell us what the operation and organization should look like for their area,” Van Antwerp said. “I’m not going to make those kinds of decisions.”

An option to help save the Army money with the centralized program is to buy utilities in bulk by contracting one company to service a whole region.

“We really feel that one of the benefits of having a corporate-like structure is to go after larger contracts to service multiple installations,” Van Antwerp said. “There’s a better way of doing business ... rather than each installation having separate contracts and separate agreements.”

Planning for Centralized Installation Management is still in its early stages. MACOM and

garrison representatives contacted said it is still too early for them to comment on how the initiative may change their lives or affect the soldiers that they currently command.

Both MACOM and garrison commanders will still play a role in installation management, Van Antwerp said.

“MACOM commanders are still going to be very concerned about their soldiers. So they’re going to play in the process of what we build on their installations,” Van Antwerp said. “What they won’t have is the ability to move the funds around that were intended for the installation because those funds will be fenced.

“Garrison commanders will have more authority over funding, resources and their people. There won’t be as many loopholes at levels above the garrison, which will cause more funds to be available at the garrison level.”

Downsizing will ultimately take place, Van Antwerp said, and people are already expressing concern.

“We expect that most of the people to work in the regional installation offices will come from MACOM staffs. It’s possible that there will be new hires because we’re going to have full and open competition for the different positions,” Van Antwerp said. “So there should be plenty of opportunity for people.”

We’re going after the well-being of soldiers and their families with this program. It’s our commitment to put our money where our mouth is when it comes to where our people play, live and work.

Maj. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp

Range Control’s mission combines training with environment protection

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa
Scout Staff

Proper soldiering requires proper training. And there’s no better place to get that training done than at Fort Huachuca’s Range Control.

Soldiers find everything from land navigation courses; obstacles and confidence courses; leadership reaction courses; air load deployment lock up; rope bridge construction; rappel towers and cliffs; and live fire ranges.

“We have one mission at Range Control and that mission is to provide necessary facilities and ranges for soldiers to train on,” said Ernie Beil, range control officer. “If we don’t do that, then we’re not doing our job.”

Range Control has gone through many state-of-the-art changes in the last 18 years, since Beil has worked there, to include computer technology upgrades and keeping Army training conscious of the environment.

Beil went up in the ranks at Range Control from scheduler to his eventual position as Range Control Officer. Beil

was the first civilian scheduler Fort Huachuca ever had. Since then, he has spearheaded numerous changes and projects to improve Range Control.

Computerized scoring for pop-up targets is the main technological advance range control has undergone, not to mention the various paperless actions Range Control now uses.

“One of the things I pushed to get was a computer program to make it easier for units to schedule and request training areas,” Beil said. The Range Facility Management support System was something that was coming anyway, according to Beil, he just got it there quicker.

Beil also helped in the design of the confidence courses available to post soldiers. In the Leadership Reaction Course he worked in making the environment better by adding a filter system to the pool.

“Annually we saved several millions of gallons of water because with the filter we only had to refill it once or twice a year rather than once or twice a week,” he said. “The

toughest thing we had to do at Fort Huachuca is balance the training needs with the environmental restrictions.”

Beil said he has worked very closely with the Environmental Office to ensure requirements are met, while soldiers are still trained. “I was lucky in that the people at the Environmental Office had a positive attitude as far as training was concerned,” Beil said. “The training was done that needed to be done.”

Beil said the only thing he would have liked to see done concerning the Range Control is keep the National Guard’s M1 Tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles here to train.

“Many years ago they use to be here, but because of environmental problems they couldn’t stay. I would have really liked to seen them stay here and train here,” Beil said.

In the future Beil hopes to see all ranges on Fort Huachuca brought up technologically. “The standard should be to have them all computer operated and scored — all state-of-the-art,” he said.

Range Control officer retires after 40 years of training soldiers, improving standards

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa
Scout Staff

After over 40 years of training soldiers, the man who just couldn’t get enough is retiring, again.

Ernie Beil, Range Control officer, decided nearly 18 years ago that he couldn’t get enough of the Army and Arizona to up and leave the place. So he kept his house by Carr Canyon a permanent one.

Beil retired from the Army as a sergeant major after nearly 25 years of service. Fort Huachuca was his final place of duty and he said he simply fell in love with the place.

As a native of northwest Pennsylvania, from a town called Fredonia, Beil said the climate and sunshine of the high desert had him hooked. And it was a given that he was going to remain working for the Army.

As he transitioned from sergeant major to Range Control scheduler, Beil said the toughest decision he had was to decide what to wear each morning.

Now as he transitions for Range Control officer to full time retiree, he wonders what he’s going to do all day.

At 62-years-old, Beil has gone around the world through the Army. He served in Japan, France, Germany and a tour in Vietnam, as well as various stateside assignments. He went through three different military occupational specialties - a military police officer, administrative specialist and personnel sergeant major.

Upon retirement from the military, Beil said he did what he could to ensure he had a civil service job on Fort Huachuca.

“I wanted to stick with the military. I was proud to have been a soldier. Even though I retired it was still my Army,” Beil said. “I stayed at Range Control because this was one of the few jobs where I had a chance to make a difference for soldiers, as far as training is concerned.”

Beil lead many initiatives to better Range Control both technologically and environmentally. He also wrote the current Fort Huachuca Regulation 385-8 for training here. He also wrote



Photo by Spc. Jessica Espinosa

After 25 years of active-duty military service, Ernie Beil joined the ranks of civil service employees at Fort Huachuca as the Range Control Officer. Now with over 40 years of training soldiers to his credit, he is retiring again.

the Standards of Operation on the handling of unexploded ordnance.

Beil said he accomplished nearly all he wanted to with the Fort Huachuca ranges. Now he just hopes to see more technology used for the ranges, as well as new ranges and a movement training facility for the MP special weapons assault team and civilian law enforcement agencies as well.

Once retired the second time over, on Feb. 28, Beil plans on remaining in this area with his wife, Loral, of 44 years. He

hopes to visit his sons and daughters in various states, including Oklahoma and California.

Though this time he plans on playing golf and just relaxing “for the rest of the time I got here on earth,” Beil said that he would always be around for the military.

“I say that I’m not going to be coming in to work anymore, but if the occasion arises that my expertise and knowledge can be used, I’m just a phone call away,” Beil said. “I’ve been working since I was 16-years-old. It’s time for me to quit.”

Signal from Page 1

Primarily, customer interest is for data lines — secure and non-secure. Retchless said 55 telephone lines had been installed as well as a few others to support coalition forces. Eventually, 200 telephone subscribers may be served.

Although he’s been here only a short time, Retchless said he sees a good team concept developing. “The way we’re working, I don’t see it taking more than a few weeks before we’re a family,” he said.

It appears there will be a lot more work to do and that may require more 11th Signal Brigade assets.

Another concern is ensuring that there is a good frequency management plan, Retchless said, adding that it is especially important to coordinate these actions with the Air Force, because the Army and the Air Force have different frequency requirements.

“A lot of pieces that are here I’ve never seen working together before. As Bravo Company

commander, I never expected to support such a wide variety of requirements,” he said.

A challenge exists for everyone on how to do the communication business, he said. As the site commander, he has other responsibilities, all of which are an integral part of providing communications.

Retchless is working on a new site layout plan that will keep a strong command and control function while everyone “gets into a rhythm,” he said. While the sleeping area for the soldiers may be changed, Retchless said the technical part of the site would remain.

No one site is set up the same, he said. “You need to get on the ground and see how the subscribers are set up. One size does not fit all,” Retchless said.

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Under the hood: Avoid winter car woes

Special to The Scout

If the very thought of snowmen has you shivering, rolling your eyes and muttering “al-ready?,” imagine how your car feels. Whammo.

With no warning at all, your vehicle awakens one morning to frozen fluids and sluggish mechanics.

Just like you’ve got to unpack last year’s sweaters and maybe head to the store for hot chocolate, your car needs some preparation, too. “Winterizing” means many different things to many different mechanics, but here are a few essentials to get you started:

— Do a battery check. Choosing to skip this step? Make sure your cell phone is charged, there are tow company phone numbers in your glove compartment and you retain the patience of a saint.

— If there’s one time of year you need your tires to be in top shape, it’s during the slip-and-slides of winter. Keep an eye on your tire pressure — air contracts when it cools and your

tire psi (pounds per square inch) needs to be as close as possible to vehicle specs. Also, consider purchasing snow tires for extra traction.

— Change your oil and consider using a thinner, winter-friendly oil type. Your owner’s manual will help choose the correct viscosity for the season.

— Fill your antifreeze tank with a 50:50 coolant to water ratio and keep an extra jug in the trunk.

— Test your four-wheel drive system to make sure it’s working properly.

— Check your windshield wiper blades and fill your reservoir tank with an anti-freeze washer fluid.

— Of course, we’d be remiss if we didn’t recommend you stash the following in your trunk:

plenty of windshield washer fluid
warm clothes and dry gloves
a bag of sand to help with traction (in case you get stuck)
jumper cables



Chalk Talk

Myer Elementary School

Marsh Hamric and Missy Hernandez had the library set up for the second **Accelerated Reader auction** last week. Over 90 students participated. Students had to have at least 10 points in order to take part.

They earned points by reading marked ‘Accelerated Reading Books’ in the library, and then taking a test on the computer about the book. The harder the book the more points it is worth. Points are also determined on how many questions are answered right.

Top readers were: Zoe Bieranowski with 156, Angela Baldez with 154, Megan Arquette with 120 and Sarah Hazelmeyer with 118 points. Students could spend all of their points or carry over no more than 10 points for the last auction in May. Total home reader hours for the month

of December was 210.

Linda Dailing and the Myer School Choir are busy preparing for the Spring Concert in April. The theme with be “One Hundred Years of Broadway.”

Students of the Month for January from each fourth- and fifth-grade class are: Jade Sullivan, Kaleem Willis, Zack Foster, Sheniqua Chambers, Ciarra Simpson, Memory Dement, Claeb DuBois, Alexis Jimenez, John Morelli, Shay Holland, Anthony Silva and Rojan Ford.

This month the focus has been on anger. The students have chosen to handle their anger well, have improved on anger management and/or met the goals established for this focus.

Maureen Brady’s fourth-graders have been working on an Op Art unit. They created pointillism paintings in the style of Georges

Seurat and are now working on Op Art cube designs made of parallelogram shapes, which appear to be convex or concave optical illusions.

Maureen Brady’s fifth-graders have been learning about one-point linear perspective drawing. They used many watercolor techniques to create one-point perspective name designs.

Students in **Bonnie Austin’s and Terry Aguon’s Resource Room classes** are working on their autobiographies. They are writing paragraphs about themselves, their families, where they have lived and what some of their favorite activities are. The autobiographies will be bound and taken home when finished.

Spelling Bee winners are Daniel Booher from Kim Tomlin’s fifth-grade class in first place,

and Angela Baldez from Val Quarto’s fifth-grade class in second place. The winner will go on to the County Spelling Bee on Feb. 23 at 9 a.m. at the Cochise College in Douglas, Ariz.

Magellan Running Club. Top fourth-grade girl was Rachel Jones from Jan Barnes’ room with 31 points. Top fourth-grade boy was Billy Ray Ware from Jan Barnes’ room with 37 points. Top fourth-grade class was Lynn Tompkins’ room with 231 points. Top fifth-grade girl was Jocelyn Willis from Bonnie Burleson’s room with 32 points. Top fifth-grade boy was Jerrell Wherry from Bonnie Burleson’s room with 39 points. Top fifth-grade class was Bonnie Burleson’s room with 485 points. For the three days of track last week, Myer students ran a total of 423 miles with a total of 17,330 miles for the year.

Community Updates

Final EA available

The U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration and the U.S. Department of the Army have approved the Final Environmental Assessment, dated October 2001.

The EA is for the proposed transfer of 203 acres of land located next to the Sierra Vista Municipal Airport from the Department of the Army to the city of Sierra Vista.

Copies of the final EA are available for public inspection at the following locations: City Clerk's Office and Department of Public Works, 1011 N. Coronado Dr.; Sierra Vista Public Library, 2950 E. Tacoma St.; Huachuca City Public Library, 506 N. Gonzales Blvd., Huachuca City; Benson Public Library, 300 S. Huachuca, Benson; and the Environmental and Natural Resources Division Office at Fort Huachuca.

MI Museum open longer

The Military Intelligence Museum is now open 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and 1-4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. The MI Museum is located in Building 41411. The Fort Huachuca Museum is open the same hours and is located on Grierson Avenue.

Cochise Theater closed

Cochise Theater will close Feb. 11 for remodeling and is expected to reopen April 12. Units are advised to make other arrangements for training and other activities. Alternate locations, include Fitch Auditorium (533-2244 or 533-1152), Greely Hall (538-6301) or Murr Community Center (538-4823).

Parent/tot playgroup meets

The Parent/Tot Playgroup meets at Youth Services, Building 51301, daily from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This program is for parents and their children, ages birth to 5 years. Volunteers are needed. For participation, registration is recommended. Stop by Army Community Services, Building 50010, or call 533-2330 or 533-6873.

Pregnant PT schedule

Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center is sponsoring physical training for pregnant soldiers three times per week. Sessions begin at 6 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays for low impact aerobics, and Fridays for aquatic aerobics. For more information, call Sgt. Darbie Guarino at 533-2627.

Nursing application deadline

The Cochise College nursing department is accepting applications for the fall 2002 nursing class.

All applications to the nursing program must be received in the Douglas campus nursing office no later than 4 p.m., Jan. 31.

All applicants are required to take the Nursing Entrance Test. The NET is given once a year in February, and only those individuals who have a current application on file in the nursing office by today are eligible to take the NET.

To receive an application and more information regarding the Cochise College nursing program, call (520) 417-4016.

Flea market hours change

The La Salida del Sol Lions Flea Market hours of operation have changed. Out-of-town vendors, local vendors and Fort Huachuca residents who wish to set up may do so by coming a day early.

The gate will open at 7:30 a.m. Friday and close at 5 p.m. Sunday. Sales will start at dawn on Saturday until dusk (5 p.m.) Sunday. Spaces are 20' x30'. Corner spaces are \$10 and inside spaces are \$5. Spaces can be rented by the month. For more information, call Lion Lee Hinzman at 378-1399.

Range closures

Saturday	AG, AW, T1, T1A T2
Sunday	AG, AW
Monday	T1, T1A, T2
Tuesday	AL
Wednesday	AL, AM, AU, T1, T1A, T2
Feb. 7	AA, AC, AD, AG, AL, AM, AN, AU, AW T1, T1A, T2
Feb. 8	AA, AC, AD, T1, T1A, T2
Feb. 9	AC, AD, AL, AM, AW, T1, T1A, T2
Feb. 10	AN, AU, AW

For more information, call Range Control at 533-7095.

Old Crows to meet

The Association of Old Crows, Cochise Chapter will host its February luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Feb. 7 in La Hacienda's Boots and Saddle Room.

The guest speaker is Col. Steve Nichols, Training and Doctrine Command System Manager for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Aerial Common Sensor. Nichols will speak on the future of Aerial Common Sensor.

Cost is \$8 for a German buffet and salad bar, \$7 for buffet only and \$5.25 for salad bar only; cost includes beverage and gratuity. Make reservations no later than Tuesday.

RSVP to Dick Mortensen at 459-0447 or mortens@c2i2.com, Gene Frantz at 533-2331 or arthur.frantz@hua.army.mil, or Bill Meyer at 458-7070 or wmeyer@primenet.com. The luncheon is open to the public.

Foster parents needed

Thinking about becoming a foster parent? Come learn how. Children need families in Cochise, Santa Cruz, Graham and Greenlee Counties.

Attend an information meeting Wednesday

day at 6 p.m. in Suite 11 at the Landmark Plaza in Sierra Vista.

Foster parent training sessions begin Feb. 8, apply today to start training next month. RSVP to 458-2761.

VA Benefits briefings set

Veterans Benefits Briefings are given by representatives of the VA Regional Office, VA Hospital and Tucson Vet Center. Representatives cover VA Benefits such as education and training, health care, home loan guarantees, disability compensation, pensions, life insurance, burial, and vocational rehabilitation.

It is important for all soldiers who are submitting claims for medical conditions to come to this briefing. The forms necessary for the submission and an explanation of how to complete the forms is provided.

The public is invited to attend this briefing. All VA benefits briefings are held in Building 22420. General information is provided from 8 a.m. to noon, and assistance in filing claims is done from 1-3 p.m. No reservation required. Briefings for 2002 are set for Feb. 14, March 21, April 18, May 23, June 20, July 18, Aug. 21, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

MI sergeants major reception

The Command Sergeant Major of the Military Intelligence Corps is extending an invitation for retired MI sergeants major to attend a reception at the LakeSide Activity Centre on March 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. The reception is designed to keep the retired MI sergeants major community more closely involved with the current MI sergeants major community

This event is part of the 2002 Worldwide Military Intelligence CSM/SGM Conference, where the top senior enlisted MI professionals from around the world meet at Fort Huachuca to discuss the future of Military Intelligence.

For more information, or to reserve your seat, call Master Sgt. James Broun at 538-2136 or e-mail james.broun@hua.army.mil before Feb. 15. Information about the conference may be found online at http://usaic.hua.army.mil/events/csm_conf/index.htm.

LTC promotion board convenes

A Department of the Army Promotion Selection Board is set to convene on Feb. 26 to consider majors for promotion to lieutenant colonel for Calendar Year 2002 Lieutenant Colonel, Operation, Operational Support, Information Operations and Institutional Support (formerly Army Competitive Category) zones of consideration.

Officers eligible for consideration have the following active duty dates of rank: Above the Zone, March 1, 1997 and earlier; Promotion Zone, March 2, 1997 through Jan. 1, 1998; and Below the Zone, Jan. 2, 1998 through Oct. 1, 1998.

To be eligible for consideration, all mandatory or optional Officer Evaluation Reports must be received, error free, in the Evaluation Reports Branch, PERSCOM (TAPC-MSE-R) no later than Feb. 19. Exceptions are governed by paragraph 1-33d, Army Regulation 600-8-29.

Only original evaluation reports will be processed. Machine reproduced or electronically transmitted copies will not be accepted.

Candlelight ball plans

The Sierra Vista Auxiliary & Foundation will host its 14th annual ball March 9 at the LakeSide Activity Centre. The theme is The Liberty Ball, black tie optional. The casino will open at 6 p.m., dancing to the great music Clayton, Sallee & Co. and dinner by candlelight.

Reservations are \$75 each and deadline for reservations is March 1. For more information, call the foundation office at 417-4502.

Teens needed for AFAP

Fort Huachuca is looking for teens to serve as delegates for the Army Teen Panel. Army Teen Panel Delegates will address issues of concern to military teens and will forward three major issues to be included in the Army Family Action Plan.

Teen Panel delegates must be in grades 7-12. The panel will meet Feb. 9 at Murr Community Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A training session for all delegates will be held Friday at Murr Community Center from 6 to 7 p.m. A parent must accompany the delegate to the training session. Registration forms for delegates are available at Army Community Services.

Anyone who has issues they want addressed by the Army Teen Panel can fill out an Army Teen Panel Issue Sheet. The Issue Sheets are available at Army Community Services and the Youth Services Youth Center.

For more information about the Army Teen Panel, call ACS at 533-3686 or YS at 533-3205.

Love officially ties Fort Huachuca, Sierra Vista



The marriage of retired Chief Warrant Officer 3 Don Corona and Maggie Fry at Kino Chapel on Thanksgiving officially tied Fort Huachuca with the founding family of Sierra Vista.

**By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout Staff**

Love has formally tied the city of Sierra Vista and Fort Huachuca together. On Thanksgiving, retired Chief Warrant Officer 3 Don Corona married Maggie Fry at Kino Chapel.

"We chose Thanksgiving because we knew all our family would be there and because we were thankful for each other," Corona said.

He laughingly recalled how his parents were late for the ceremony because their vehicle had to be searched.

Maggie is the great-granddaughter of Oliver Fry, who was the founder of Fry, Ariz., which was later renamed Sierra Vista in 1955. She and her father, Tom, are the last remaining Fry family members living in the Sierra Vista area.

Oliver Fry moved his family to Arizona from Texas in 1912 to an area that was then known as Garden Canyon. Upon completion of the first post office the city was named Fry.

Corona said the Fry family served the military through general stores that catered to the needs of soldiers who patrolled the post and the frontier areas.

Kino Chapel was also the site of Corona's graduation from the counter intelligence agent's course in 1984 and of his graduation from Warrant Officer School in 1990.

He currently works as a civilian counter intelligence agent with the 902nd Military Intelligence Group and Maggie works for a local real estate agency.

The couple met through a mutual friend in 1999. "I had no idea when I met her that this would be the one," Corona said.

"We both realized that we had quite a bit

in common. What drew me to her was her was the fact that she was nice, out-going and her sense of commitment to family — she's very family orientated," he said.

She has two children, Cassandra, 6 and Joshua, 3. His oldest son Nick is in the Air Force, his daughter Crystal, is 19, and his youngest, Cheyanne, is 7. "We all get along well," he said.

They plan on taking their honeymoon in Europe. "We're going to the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. I know it will be a lot different visiting than it is being deployed to those locations," he said laughing.

The ironic thing is that Maggie never dated or socialized with military personal, Corona said she'd always been led to believe that soldiers pick up and leave permanently at a moment's whim.

"She was very reluctant to date a soldier, but I guess I proved myself worthy. I think that once she realized that I planned on settling in the area after I retired, it put her fears to rest," he said.

But even before they started dating, he said he realized that he wanted to retire in the area in order to raise his family.

Maggie's grandfather, Cecil, who was a schoolteacher, is buried at the Fry family cemetery on 7th Street, North of Fry Boulevard, along with Oliver.

Corona's grandfather was a Yaqui Indian from Sonora, Mexico who moved to Bisbee, Ariz., and worked in the mines there.

"Arizona feels like home to me," Corona, who grew up in California, said. He said he has wondered if his name was a derivative of the Spanish explorer Francisco Vasquez De Coronado who led excursions throughout the southwestern United States looking for the fabled Seven Cities of Cibola.